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**SC Department of Employment and Workforce
Executive Director Cheryl M. Stanton's Statement December 2013 Unemployment Rate**

“Today marks an exciting and great day because the last time South Carolina’s unemployment rate fell below the national average was January 2001,” said Cheryl M. Stanton, executive director of the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW). “Such outstanding news lets us know South Carolina is on the right track and provides even further inspiration for DEW as we focus on matching and training workers to fit the statewide business community’s workforce needs, which will further reduce the number of unemployed.”

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